ITEMS OF INTEREST

Had a note from Mrs. Kuhn. She says Tony is progressing slowly, he has reflexes & muscle tone in both arm and left leg. Doctor says he should walk and be able to be useful to the Hibiscus Industry once again one of these days. She sends regards and thanks to all the AHS members who wrote to Tony.

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Got news via the hibiscus vine that the Sunset Chapter is out to win the "Attendance Trophy" enough times to keep it. When the current plate is full the trophy will go to the chapter that has won it the most times. How about that? Are you doing to let them get away with it?

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The United States Rubber Company Agricultural Div. is making an experiment at Barling's Nursery on hibiscus. They have set aside about 60 plants and are spraying with a certain formula at different strengths. They hope that in 3 or 4 months with one treatment that the internodes will shorten, the plant become less leggy and a material increase in bloom.

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Did you know that hibiscus has medicinal value? At least that is what a publication by the Bally Seed Store of West Bengal, India entitled "Medicinal, Economic and Useful Plants of India" says. We quote: "Hibiscus rosa-sinensis - (Shoe Flower, China Rose)- Shrub. Leaf juice rubbed on scalp promotes hair growth; taken orally it is a remedy for Gleet and Prostatitis (Demulcent). Pasted Bud and Flower are taken in Nervous Debility, Irregular, Excessive, Suppressed or Painful Menstruation."

Maybe some of our bald members would try this and give us a report.

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She: "It's shameful the way you start making passes at me after half a dozen drinks."
He: "What's shameful about it?"
She: "Wasting five drinks."

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